March 3, 2019

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Morning reading service (Passion) and evening catechism (#84) service. Classes after the morning service.

This week Thursday, Rev. Hofman hopes to be in Sioux Center for Prayer Day at 7:00 p.m.

Next Week: Morning catechism reading (#85) and an **afternoon service at 2:30 p.m.** with Student de Leeuw. No classes

Advance Notice: March 12 Rev Witvoet Prayer Day 7:00 p.m.

-All the Lord Willing-

NRCEA presentation with Mr. Paul Verhoef in school multipurpose room Wednesday from 7:15-8:30 on the history and identity of our Christian schools in the Netherlands and North American and current concerns facing our schools.

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund 2nd School Fund 2nd Living Bread

We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

"And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto Him, Lord, is it I?" Matthew 26:22

Among those to whom the dreadful words will be addressed, "I never knew you," not a few will be found, who, with good reason, are able to say, "Lord, have we not eaten and drunk in Thy presence? Have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?" The disciples were aware of this; and hence, on the Lord's informing them that there was one among them who was accursed, they were by no means satisfied with being merely in their Master's immediate vicinity. Let us follow their example in this respect, and not seek at a distance those who shall

eventually perish. Let us commence the inquiry within our own walls, and not exclude ourselves from those whom we regard as being possibly the deplorable people in question. On the contrary, let each first examine himself. It is not only those who openly revolt, and are hastening to perdition, but there are also others, with the Bible in their hands, and the name of Jesus on their lips, who finally perish. In order that their investigation may not prove fruitless, the disciples resort to the light - the brightest and most penetrating in the world — which never deceives nor shines with a delusive radiance. It is to Jesus they refer — to Him who tries the heart and the reins, and fathoms every depth. "Lord," they ask, one after the other, deeply concerned and grieved, "Is it I? Is it I?" And O, how affecting is this trait, how pleasing and worthy of imitation!

~F.W. Krummacher

Glory and Grace in the Person of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6

Now to the Lord a noble song! Awake, my soul; awake, my tongue! Hosanna to the eternal name, And all his boundless love proclaim!

See where it shines in Jesus' face, The brightest image of his grace! God, in the person of his Son, Has all his mightiest works outdone.

The spacious earth and spreading flood Proclaim the wise, the powerful God; And thy rich glories from afar Sparkle in every rolling star.

But in his looks a glory stands, The noblest labour of thy hands; The pleasing lustre of his eyes Outshines the wonders of the skies.

[Grace! 'tis a sweet, a charming theme! My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name! Ye angels, dwell upon the sound! Ye heavens, reflect it to the ground!]

O may I live to reach the place Where he unveils his lovely face, Where all his beauties you behold, And sing his name to harps of gold! ~I. Watts

Notes

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My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

Psalm 22:25

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.